

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Prior to any Office Action on the merits, Applicants have amended the claims as described below. Applicants assert that the amendments do not add any new matter to the application.

Claims 11, 12, 17 and 23 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 10, 18-26 and 28 have been amended to better clarify the antibody subject matter of those inventions. These amendments are supported by e.g., page 3, lines 26-27.

Claim 4, which depends from claim 1, has been amended. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at e.g., page 4, lines 8-10.

Claim 18 has been amended to recite "an amino acid sequence identical to SEQ ID NO:1 or a polymorphic variant, allelic variant, mutant, interspecies homolog, or conservatively modified variant sequence that is at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO:1." This amendment is supported by e.g., page 15, line 25 – page 16, line 23.

Claim 23, which depends from claim 18, has been amended to recite "neutralizes at least one biological activity of AR." Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at e.g., page 22, lines 9-11.

Response to Restriction

In response to the Examiner's Restriction, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-26, 28 and 32. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to all non-elected groups in subsequent divisional applications.

In response to the Examiner's Species Election, Applicants elect the single species of anti-AR antibody HuPAR34. The HuPAR34 antibody corresponds to an antibody comprising the light chain variable region sequence, SEQ ID NO:14, and the heavy chain variable region sequence, SEQ ID NO:12. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 18-22, 25-26, 46 and 47 may be readable on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 463-8133.

Respectfully submitted,

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